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AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Agricultural Land
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of agriculture land for cultivation of crops in the year 1991 in various States and Union Territories of the country along with number of population during that period;

(b) the names of States and the quantum of land of which land use was changed after the year 1991 in the country;

(c) the quantum of land out of agricultural land which was changed to commercial and residential land along with the details; and

(d) the quantum of land encroached and the number from which encroachment was removed along with details?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): As per report on Land Use Statistics and Census of India, the details of State/UTs-wise area under Agricultural Land / Cultivable Land and State/UTs-wise number of population in the country in 1991 are at Annexure-I.

(b): While there is shift in agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes, the details of agricultural land put to non-agricultural uses are not maintained separately. However, as per report on Land Use Statistics for 2014-15 (latest available), the State-wise details of area under non-agricultural uses in the country during 1991 and 2014-15 are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): As per Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India, land comes under the purview of State Governments and, therefore, it is for the State Governments to take suitable steps to check diversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes. However, under the National Policy for Farmers − 2007 (NPF -2007), State Governments have been advised to earmark lands with low biological potential such as uncultivable land, land affected by salinity, acidity, etc., for non-agricultural development activities, including industrial and construction activities. National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy − 2007 (NRRP-2007) has also recommended that as far as possible, projects may be set up on waste land, degraded land or un-irrigated land. Acquisition of irrigated, multi-cropped agricultural land for non-agricultural uses may be kept to the minimum and avoided, to the extent possible. Further, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing an Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for development of rainfed/ degraded areas. The IWMP has been converted to the Watershed Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) from the financial year 2015-16.

Further, since land comes under the purview of State Governments, the information on quantum of land encroached and encroachment removed is not maintained.